

Robert D. Buser, P.E.

Deputy Service Director/Quality Assurance

PBS&J

Registrations

Professional Engineer
Florida 21331, 1975

Certifications

Advanced Maintenance of Traffic,
2002
TxDOT PreCertified, TxDOT ESN
#1497

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Civil
Engineers (ASCE)
American Society of Highway
Engineers (ASHE)
Florida Engineering Society (FES)
National Dispute Review Board
Foundation
Member and Chairman-
Certified

Mr. Buser has 40 years of roadway and bridge construction experience in Florida, including eight years as state construction engineer and director of construction for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). His skills in construction contract management provide technical excellence for a broad range of transportation projects. He is presently responsible for the direction of construction operations for PBS&J's Central/North Florida Construction Services division.

Mr. Buser has been involved in resolution of construction claims since 1974. During his tenure in the FDOT Central Office, he was the principal claims resolution person. In 1986, he chaired an American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) task team that raised the level of awareness of construction claims and the development of claims avoidance and resolution training for all states. Since the beginning of the dispute review board process in Florida, he has served on nine dispute boards. He is currently chairman of Florida's District Two regional dispute review board, which covers northeast Florida. He is also a member of the National Dispute Review Board Foundation.

Mr. Buser began his PBS&J career as program manager for the \$200 million Seminole Expressway project, performed under the firm's general engineering consultant (GEC) contract with FDOT. This assignment consisted of major bridge construction, interchanges, toll facilities, landscaping, and environmental mitigation. Upon completion of the Seminole Expressway project, Mr. Buser served as resident engineer on the 68-mile Turnpike Northern Conversion project, which included six major work sites.

Before joining PBS&J, Mr. Buser directed FDOT's Construction Program. As chief construction engineer, he was responsible for the development of FDOT construction specifications, construction policy and procedures, and coordination of all relevant issues with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), construction industry associations, and other interested parties. He was called on for disputes resolutions, claims settlements, specifications interpretation, and other contract issues involved in the statewide work program. As FDOT's representative on the AASHTO Construction Subcommittee, Mr. Buser chaired a national claims task force that developed construction claims training for management and avoidance of construction claims. This training course has been taught in or made available to all states through NCHRP.

He served as an area engineer responsible for construction contract administration problems in Districts Five and Six prior to becoming state construction engineer. He was the Department's principal engineer for development of asphalt and concrete specifications, and he was responsible for keeping FDOT in state-of-the-art construction methods and innovations. Mr. Buser, along with the Materials Office staff, developed the Department's recycled asphalt pavement program.

Prior to becoming an area engineer for the State Construction Office, Mr. Buser was a resident engineer in responsible charge of building I-275 through St. Petersburg, as well as other area projects, such as painting the old Skyway Bridge and building the second Tampa Bay crossing of the Gandy Bridge.

He has been responsible for all surveying, asphalt plant and roadway quality control, and final estimates preparation for a residency. He was project engineer for the Green Bridge renovation, Sunshine Skyway Toll facilities, and the Sunshine Skyway Bridge project.

Mr. Buser completed the Department's In-Service Engineers training program in July 1965. His prior experience included location survey, construction inspection, and preparation of final estimates.

Mr. Buser has served and continues to serve on Dispute Boards covering all types of construction as Chairman, Owners rep or Contractors rep.